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THE SPEAKER GIVES SCHOOL-CHILDREN CHECKS FOR LEARNING WHILE TAKING AWAY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUNDING

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, over and over again on the floor of this House we have heard from the Members of the majority party. We have heard them talk about their concern for America's children. They claim that it is our children that they are fighting for.

However, when it comes to one of our most crucial and direct commitments to children, the School Lunch Program, the Republicans were eager and willing to sacrifice our children on the altar of their capital gains tax cut. Today the hypocrisy grows even greater.

The Speaker of this House will be visiting a school in Anacostia, the Moten Elementary School, to give out checks as a part of his Earning for Learning Program. Children get \$2 for every book that they have read.

However, while he doles out the cash payments, the fact is that these children will be suffering a devastating loss at the hands of the Speaker; 397 of the 422 children in this school take part in the School Lunch Program. Since the funds will be slashed, these kids will not have the money that they need to have that program, and many of them in fact will go hungry.

We know what that does to learning. In the words of Richard Nixon, who strongly supported this program, "a child, ill fed, is dulled in curiosity, lower in stamina, distracted from learning."

Please, we must have the School Lunch Program. The Speaker is talking out of both sides of his mouth.

REPUBLICAN PROGRAMS ARE PUBLIC-SPIRITED, NOT MEAN-SPIRITED

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, the old, tired party-line from the liberal Democrats is that Republicans want to take food from the mouths of children. Mr. Speaker, it is typical of the liberals. It is pathetic, but predictable.

Mr. Speaker, these liberal Democrats really have no choice but to come out here and distort the truth. They know as well as anybody that the liberal message and these old, tired attempts at solving the problems from the liberal side of the aisle have been rejected.

The American people have seen the consequences of these policies. They know that the only people who have benefited from 40 years of one-party

control by my friends on the other side have been bureaucrats, trial lawyers, and Federal regulators.

For the liberals to come here and suggest that the new majority wants to steal food from babies is lower than a gross distortion, it is absolutely and patently false. Mr. Speaker, with a generous increase in allowances for food lunch programs, Republicans are not taking food from kids. We are, however, taking power from the Federal Government and returning it to the front lines in this war on these problems.

If my friends on the other side want to come to this well and distort the facts, and tell us something else about the numbers, other than what is factual, that is their choice. However, we are not going away. This new majority is not mean-spirited, it is public-spirited.

REPUBLICAN PROGRAMS TAKE MONEY FROM CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND GIVE IT TO THE FAT CATS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, the mean-spirited Republicans continue right on. They are trying to become information-proof, as this goes along. All sorts of newspapers, all sorts of people involved in the program, people administering the program, everybody, not just Democrats, are saying they are making very serious cuts in the School Lunch Program in their new war on kids.

Why are they cutting these children? They are cutting these children because they need money to pay the fat cats. They are not sending it to the front lines, they want to return money to the fat cats. Let us be perfectly honest. That is not in America's tradition. Cutting kids, the poorest in the Nation, to pay the wealthiest in the Nation is absolutely wrong.

If people disagree with me, and they write here and disagree with me, I ask them to please send their picture. I want to see what those kinds of Americans look like that say they thing this is right.

I think it is time we started looking at the facts, stop trying to be information-proof, and protecting a policy that they are just upset we found out about and are exposing.

URGING REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS TO WORK TOGETHER TO CHANGE FAILED SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND TRULY PROTECT AMERICA'S CHILDREN

(Mrs. WALDHOLTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WALDHOLTZ. Mr. Speaker, according to the Census Bureau, the pov-

erty rate in 1966 was 14.7 percent. Since then, the American people have witnessed one of the greatest expansions of the Federal Government in American history, mostly social programs, aimed at eliminating poverty.

However, it is time to admit the experiments of the 1960's, however well-intentioned, have failed; not just a little failure, but a great, big failure. The biggest failure is not in the money that we have lost, it is in the lost and broken lives.

Again, Mr. Speaker, according to the Census Bureau, the poverty rate in 1966 was 14.7 percent. In 1992, it was 14.5 percent. Mr. Speaker, virtually everyone in this body knows that the current welfare system is not really helping people in need. We are going to feed hungry schoolchildren. We are going to ensure proper nutrition for mothers and children in need. We are also going to help people in need by changing a welfare that is not working.

Mr. Speaker, let us work together in a deliberate, responsible, honest debate to truly protect our children.

EXTREME RIGHT-WING RADICAL REPUBLICAN PROPOSES PROHIBITING THE RIGHT TO ABORTION FOR AMERICA'S MOST VULNERABLE, VICTIMS OF RAPE AND INCEST

(Mrs. LOWEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, we see the actions of the extreme, mean-spirited Republican majority every day cut school lunch, cut student loans, cut drug-free schools, and tomorrow the extreme Republican majority will introduce an amendment to prohibit the most vulnerable in our society, victims of rape and incest, from terminating an abortion; it is hard to believe, the most vulnerable, victims of rape and incest.

In fact, the majority of the American people think that that should be legal.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the gentleman from Georgia, NEWT GINGRICH, in saying that he would speak out against the Istook amendment and vote against the Istook amendment. I do hope he can contain the extreme right wing radical part of his Republican majority.

ELIMINATING THE SOCIAL DRUG

(Mr. BURR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR. Mr. Speaker, no one can dispute the fact that our current welfare system is in shambles. Many years ago, the Federal Government took responsibility for the disadvantaged away from communities and, after spending billions of dollars every year for 30 years, made the situation worse.